



## **VCFA Campus Smoking Policy**

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It is the policy of Vermont College of Fine Arts to provide a safe working and learning environment for staff, faculty, students, and visitors. The VCFA Campus Smoking Policy has been written in recognition of the Surgeon General's conclusion that smoking is injurious to health, and that involuntary, second-hand smoke is a cause of disease in nonsmokers. VCFA recognizes the rights of those who choose to smoke but chooses to provide a smoke-free environment to the greatest extent possible.

To protect the health of all community members, and in accordance with state statutes, VCFA prohibits smoking in any form (including e-cigarettes) in all indoor places, including all workplaces, VCFA-owned vehicles, and residence halls.

In addition, no smoking is allowed within 25 feet of any building on the VCFA campus. This policy complies with the American with Disabilities Act, which provides smoke free entrances for employees and students with respiratory and other conditions affected by exposure to smoke.

While on campus, smoking is only allowed in "Smoking Permitted" areas. These areas are clearly marked on the "VCFA Campus Smoking Permitted-Areas" Campus Map. It is the responsibility of all smokers to dispose of smoking materials in the designated smoking outposts. It is a violation of this policy to dispose of smoking materials on the ground on the VCFA campus.

In accordance with Vermont State law, VCFA is required to provide employees, students, and visitors with clearly stated guidelines on where they may smoke. Academic Programs are responsible for publicizing the policy to students. Chief Financial Officer/Vice President for Administration is responsible for publicizing the policy to employees.